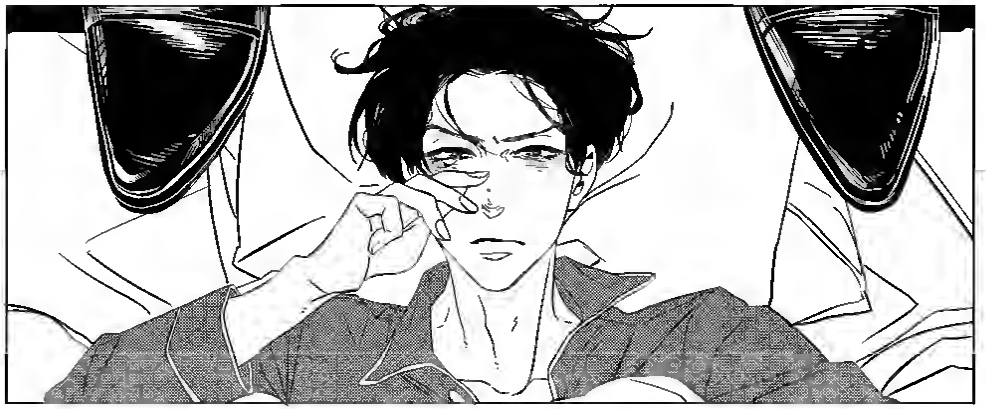
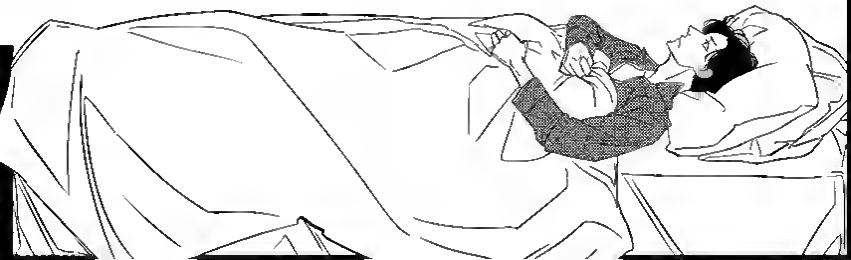


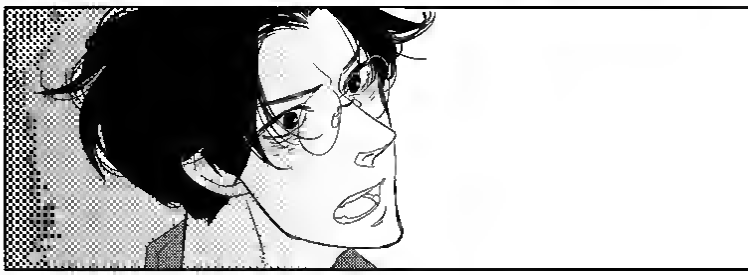
When I opened my eyes one morning, there was a man I didn't know sitting above my head.



Break time
in reverie

What!?
A burglar?
A robber!?
WHO-! WHO ARE YOU...
WAAAH!!
I'M NOT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON.
COME NOW, IT'S OKAY.
KLAK
Right..! I should call the police!!
WHO-
The power of your persuasion is non-existent though.
GAPING

OH SORRY.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD WAKE UP YOU SEE...
HOW DID YOU GET IN?!
WHO ARE YOU...!
IT'S ALRIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY MEAL SO I'M LEAVING NOW.
Gare
HUH?
DREAM.
YOUR MEAL!? WHAT DID YOU EAT AT SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE!!



HUH?

PLEASE RETURN MY PHONE.
WELL, DRINK YOUR COFFEE AND CALM DOWN, ALRIGHT.
NATURALLY! ANYONE WOULD REPORT AN UNKNOWN BLOKE THAT BROKE INTO THEIR HOUSE, RIGHT!!?
IF I GIVE IT BACK, YOU'LL REPORT ME WON'T YOU.
Don't wanna.
Wha- what is it?
WON'T YOU DRINK YOUR COFFEE?
STARE

EVEN THOUGH I TOOK THE TIME TO MAKE IT... WON'T YOU DRINK IT FOR ME...?
I DIDN'T POISON IT.
Of course not...!! There is no way I will touch it.
You definitely spiked it.
IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE Y'KNOW.
HOW SAD...
THANKS FOR THE DRINK!!
KREAK KREAK
OKAY...IT SHOULD BE FINE TO DRINK,RIGHT? WHAT'S WITH HIM...
GULP
SHAKE SHAKE
SHAKE SHAKE

THAT'S ODD... THE INGREDIENTS WERE CERTAINLY COFFEE POWDER, HOT WATER, CONSOMMe, KETCHUP, BUTTER...
ODD!! WHAT'S THERE THAT IS *NOT* ODD AFTER WATER!!
IT TASTES BAD?
EH?
COUGH
WHA- WHAT'D YOU-
MY BAD, MY BAD.
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!! THERE IS NO WAY I CAN DRINK *THAT*!!
I EAT DREAMS.
I CAN'T TASTE IT YOU SEE.
HAAH!?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?

SWISH
WHATEVER.
I HAVE WORK TO DO, LATER.
HUH?
KLACK
BAMP
NOT A SMART ONE, IS HE.
MUKMUP
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...!!
Was I just called 'not a smart one' by an intruder...
WH-
DID HE JUST LOCK THE DOOR FROM OUTSIDE
NO WAIT, THAT ASIDE...

KLAK
I WILL CHANGE THE LOCK ON MY NEXT DAY OFF
Phew
KLINK
KLINK
ALRIGHT,
IT SHOULD BE FINE WITH THIS MUCH RIGHT.
...WHAT'S WITH
EATING DREAMS AND ALL THAT.
FLOMP
HOW ABSURD...
IMPOSSIBLE ...

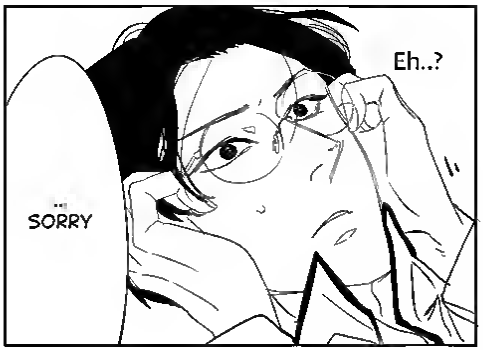
GOOD MORN-
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DOOR CHAINS!?
RISE
DON'T SHOUT, OTHER PEOPLE ARE STILL ASLEEP.
DON'T SAY THAT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE!!
SEE HERE. YOUR DOOR CHAINS. HAPPY NOW?
FLOP
OF COURSE NOT!! THEY WERE ALL TAKEN DOWN!!
HOW NOISY...
THE CHAINS!! MY DOOR CHAINS!! DIDN'T I SECURE THEM!!

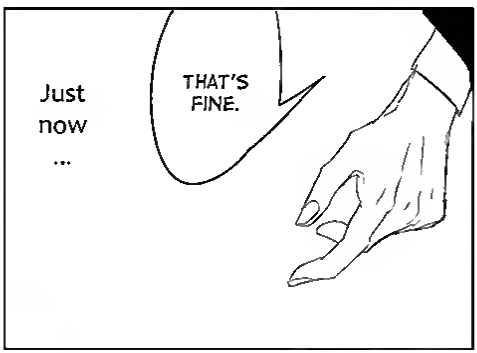
HEH
AH.
IT'LL THE SAME EVEN IF YOU CHANGE YOUR LOCK
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY THIS, I EAT HUMANS' DREAMS.
IF I CAN'T AT LEAST REMOVE THOSE, HOW CAN I PROCURE MY MEALS?
HEH HEH HEH HEH ...
?
BSH
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
THAT'S IT?
I KNEW THAT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN SO I BROUGHT MY PHONE TO BED WITH ME!

...
YOU KNOW ...
SINCE YOU WERE LAUGHING...
I THOUGHT SOMETHING FUNNY JUST HAPPENED ...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY EATING DREAMS?
I KNOW THAT!! THAT'S NOT IT!!
?
WHAT? THE POLICE NUMBER IS 110 I THINK?
I'M NOT!!
SO YOU'RE JUST DELUSIONAL ...
OH WELL WHATEVER. HURRY AND REPORT ME ALREADY!! WHAT AN ANNOYING BLOKE!!
YOU TOO WILL DIE IF YOU DON'T EAT ANYTHING, RIGHT? FOR ME IT'S DREAMS.
EXACTLY AS I SAID.

LIAR
BECAUSE I DON'T DREAM.
EVEN THOUGH HIS DREAM IS SO DELICIOUS ..
ARE NOT A HUMAN?
THAT'S SINCE A MONTH AGO, RIGHT?
UH- HOLD-
YOU SEE?
IT'S BECAUSE I ATE THEM ALL.
Y- YOU..
Too close
RUSTLE

He looked... lonely?



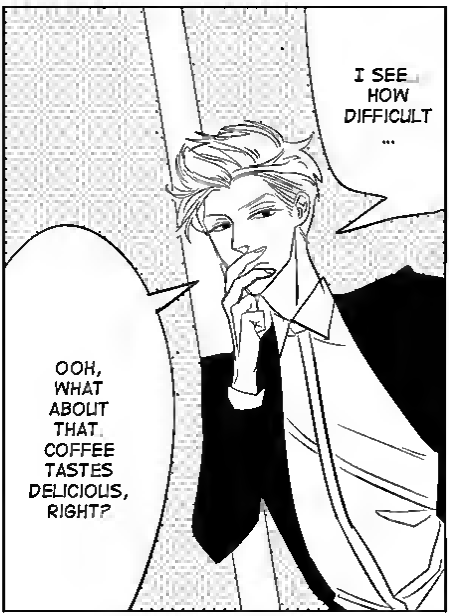



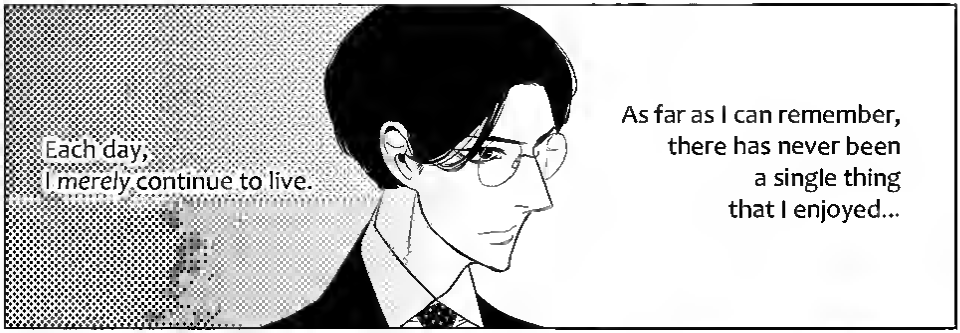
IF YOUR STORY WAS TRUE
Such nonsense, but...
THEN TONIGHT I WOULD DREAM, RIGHT?
I WON'T DO IT.
IN RETURN, PLEASE DON'T EAT MY DREAM TONIGHT.
Spouting nonsense like eating dreams and whatnot.
I SAID IF YOUR STORY WAS TRUE!!
I DIDN'T SAY I BELIEVED IT YET-
YOU BELIEVE ME?
.....

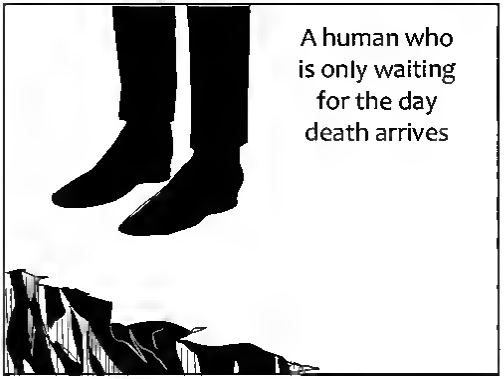
THANK YOU.
I SEE!
SMILE
W-
WAIT!!
TAP
WELL. THEN I'M LEAVING FOR TODAY.
UH...
SURE...
UH NO, I MEAN,
HYPOTHE-TICALLY SPEAKING
Uh
WHAT HUH
I SUPPOSE ...
WHAT DOES MY DREAM
TASTE LIKE?

...To me

NEXT TIME, I WILL MAKE IT DELICIOUS.

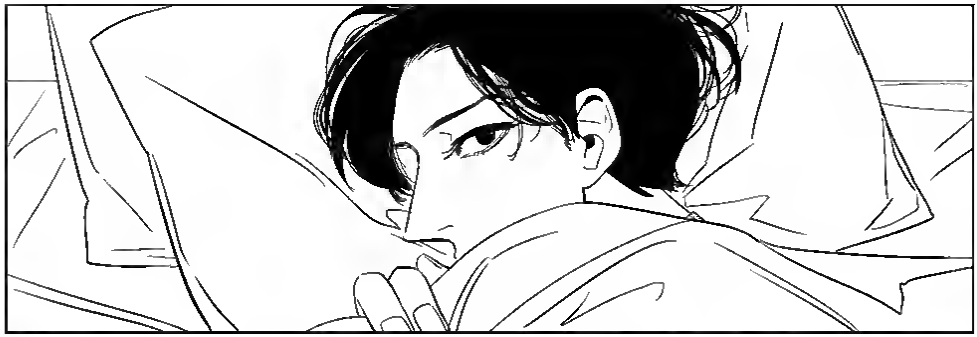


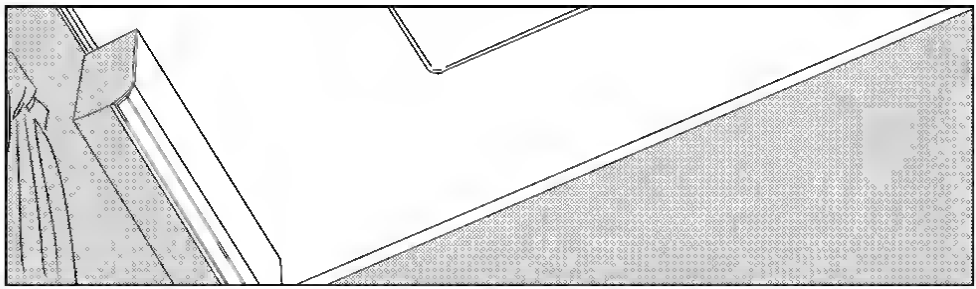


There is neither pain nor joy.

The dream
of such a
dreary
guy...

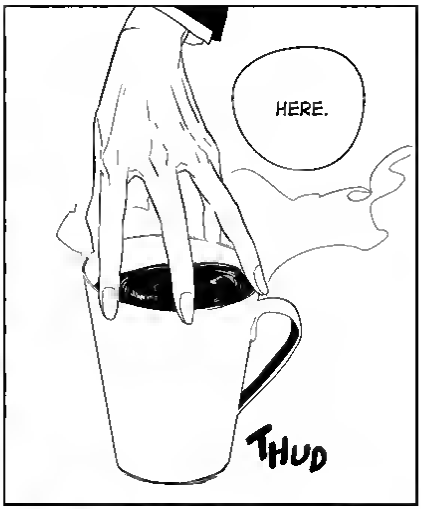




I had a dream for the first time in a month.

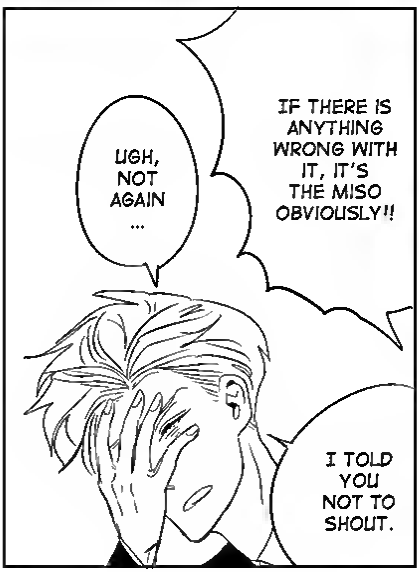
A dream of me
drinking coffee together with him.
Only that.
WHAT IS?
I KNEW IT, HOW DULL.
WHY? I TOLD YOU I WOULD MAKE COFFEE, DIDN'T I?
UWAH
WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
THAT'S YOUR REASON --!?

AH, THAT WAS A MISTAKE.
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T ADD CONSOMMÉ AND OTHER STUFF IN THIS TIME
SORRY.


HERE.
THUD

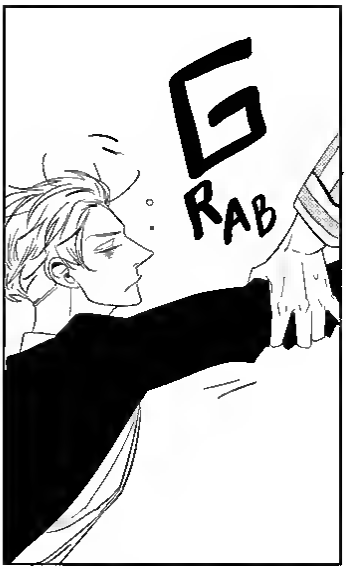
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
What's in it this time...
you did add unnecessary things again, didn't you?

GULP...


UGH, NOT AGAIN ...
IF THERE IS ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT, IT'S THE MISO OBVIOUSLY!!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SHOUT.

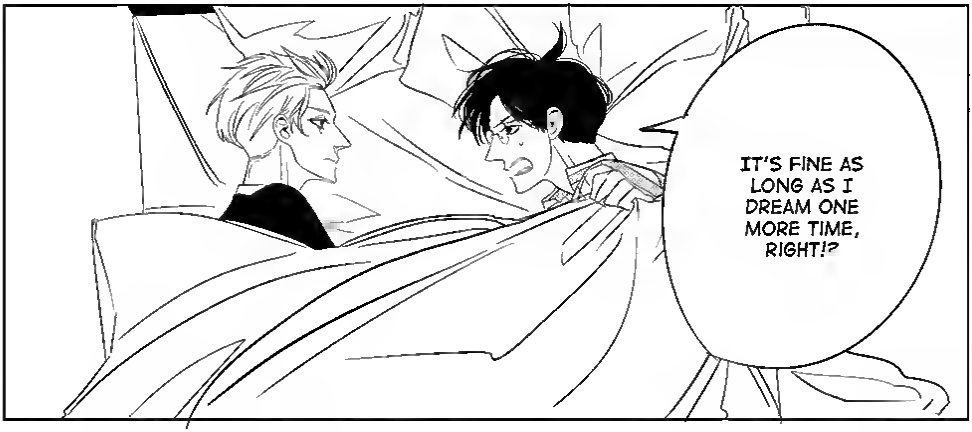
WELL... COFFEE POWDER AND
SUGAR
HOT WATER
MISO
MISO !?

WELL,
EVEN SO, YOU LOOK TOO PALE
EH? SHOULD WE GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
SLIDE
HEY? YOU DON'T LOOK SO WELL.
THAT'S BECAUSE I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING.
I'M SORRY BUT I CAN'T MOVE BY MYSELF, COULD YOU DRAG ME OUTSIDE?
EH... HOLD ON-
RISE
I'LL END UP DEAD LIKE THIS.
FLOP
IF WE DO THAT, THEY'LL PROBABLY SAY THAT I SUFFER FROM MALNUTRITION AND GIVE ME IV DRIPS.
MISO!!?
...MISO
DON'T BE SILLY!! WHAT SHOULD I DO!?
SHAKE
SHAKE
IF YOU JUST LEAVE ME OUTSIDE LIKE THAT...
IDIOT!!




This is bad, he is growing cold.

Is what he said about eating dreams true...?



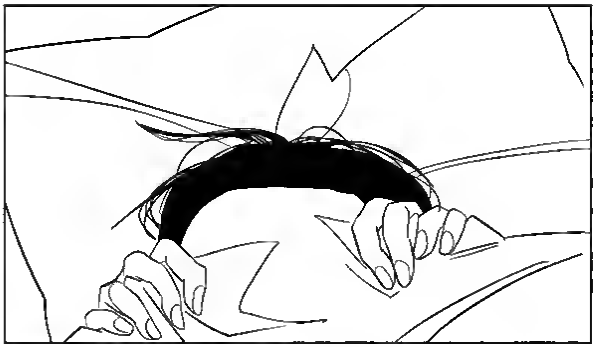
Tense
I KNOW I JUST WOKE UP NOT LONG AGO, BUT NO MATTER WHAT I MUST SLEEP..!!
Sh
Vzzz...

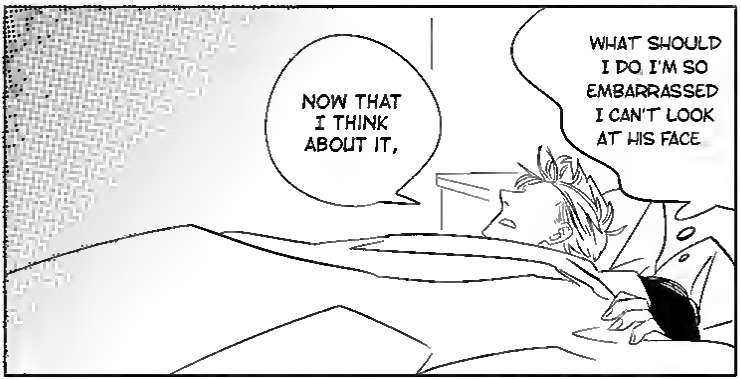
CALLING IT DULL....
EVEN THOUGH IT IS SO DELICIOUS.

GOOD MORNING.
EH? ARE YOU FINE NOW?
YUP, I'M GOOD.
UWAH
YOU DID IT.
OH! REALLY!!
phew
A-
I'M GLAD ...
UM...
I'M SORRY?

I THOUGHT THAT I PROBABLY WOULD BE SAVED.
...IF IT'S YOU,
I'M SORRY... FOR NOT BELIEVING YOU.
I DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THAT WITHOUT EATING FOR ONE DAY...
HOW BEAUTIFUL YOUR HEART IS.
BECAUSE I KNOW
AND COVERED WITH WOUNDS.
YOUR HEART IS SPARKLING AND TRANSPARENT
IT'S THE SAME.
YOU MEAN MY DREAM... RIGHT?

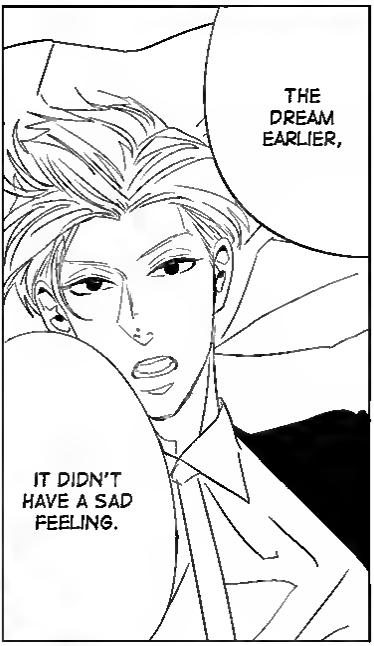
EVEN THOUGH IT'S UNBEARABLY DELICIOUS.
AFTER I ATE IT BECAME UNBEARABLY LONELY.
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T GO BACK THAT DAY.
I WANT TO BE NEXT TO YOU.
Hug
I
WANT TO KEEP YOU AWAY OF LONELINESS.




NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
WHAT SHOULD I DO. I'M SO EMBARRASSED I CAN'T LOOK AT HIS FACE

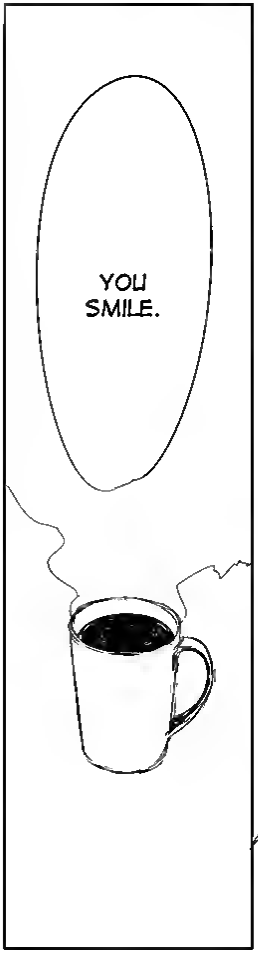
YOU ARE NOT A DULL PERSON.

RISE
AH!! I MUST GO TO WORK!!
RATHER, SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT ...
ISN'T IT YOUR DAY OFF?


THE DREAM EARLIER,
IT DIDN'T HAVE A SAD FEELING.

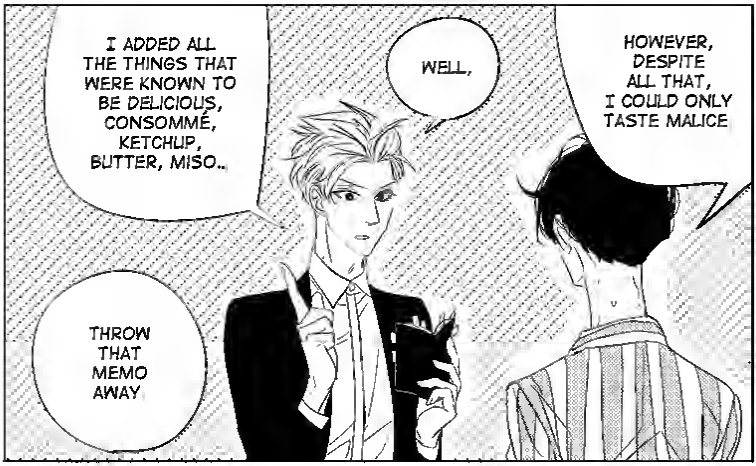
BUT YOU LIKE IT RIGHT? COFFEE I MEAN.
... HONESTLY,
WHAT'S WITH YOUR OBSESSION WITH COFFEE?

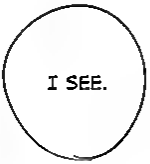
I'M GOING TO MAKE COFFEE.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT!?


YOU SMILE.

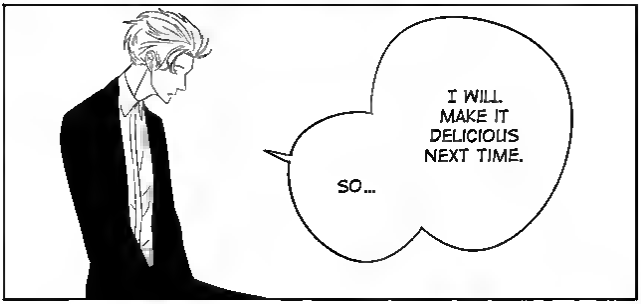
WELL, I SUPPOSE SO, BUT...
I WANTED TO THANK YOU
HOW DID YOU EVEN KNOW THAT?

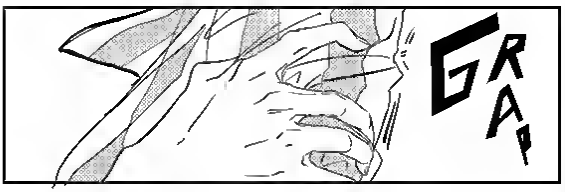
AND PLEASE YOU.
I WANTED TO SEE

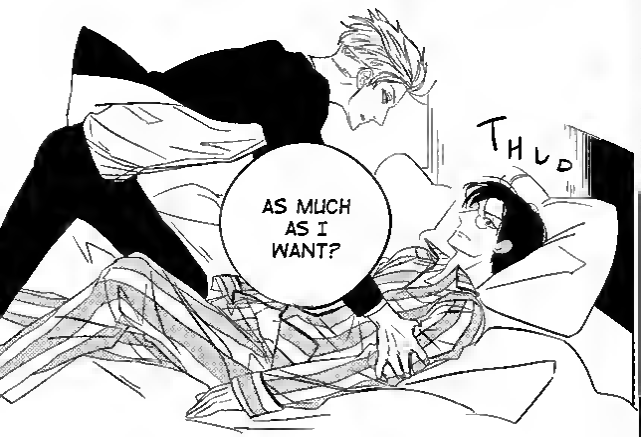

I ADDED ALL THE THINGS THAT WERE KNOWN TO BE DELICIOUS, CONSOMMÉ, KETCHUP, BUTTER, MISO..
WELL,
HOWEVER, DESPITE ALL THAT, I COULD ONLY TASTE MALICE
THROW THAT MEMO AWAY


I SEE.

UUUGH!! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU NEED TO..


I WILL MAKE IT DELICIOUS NEXT TIME.
SO...


GRAB


THUD
AS MUCH AS I WANT?

IT'S FINE, YOU CAN EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!!
TEASE
WHAT'S WITH YOU BECOMING DOCILE ALL OF A SUDDEN...

I HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH OF YOU YET...
TO BE HONEST,
Tense
AS MUCH AS I WANT HUH? NOW
AFTER ONE'S HUNGER IS FULFILLED, A DIFFERENT KIND OF CRAVING WILL BECOME MORE APPARENT RIGHT?
YOU KNOW,
DING DONG
I just moved in next door.
My name is Suzuki.
HOLD-
UH
WELL...

This... if it pleases you please take it.
?
It's only coffee though.
A NEW MEAL JUST SHOWED UP I HOPE HIS DREAMS ARE DELICIOUS
Hello.
Ah yes, I think so.
Personally, I like it.
Is this 'delicious'?
...
Eh?
Hmm

End.

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だって、美味しいのが悪い。

Since delicious things are bad.

# COFFEE+

IT CAN'T BE I STILL HAVEN'T TOPPED IT WITH SALT AND PEPPER
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU NOT TO ADD UNNECESSARY THINGS!!?
Delicious!
STARE
AMONG ALL THE COFFEES THAT I'VE HAD, THIS MIGHT BE THE MOST DELICIOUS ONE
UH TOO CLOSE
THE BEANS RE ALREADY GOOD...
LATELY, YOU SEEM TO BE FIXATED ON THE ORDER OF THE THINGS YOU ADD.
CAVIAR HUH?
SINCE IT HAS THE SAME COLOUR IT MIGHT BLEND IN WELL
ALL THE EFFORTS AND MONEY.
YOUR SMILING FACE IS WORTH
IS IT HOT?
Want water?
WHAT'S WRONG ?
End.

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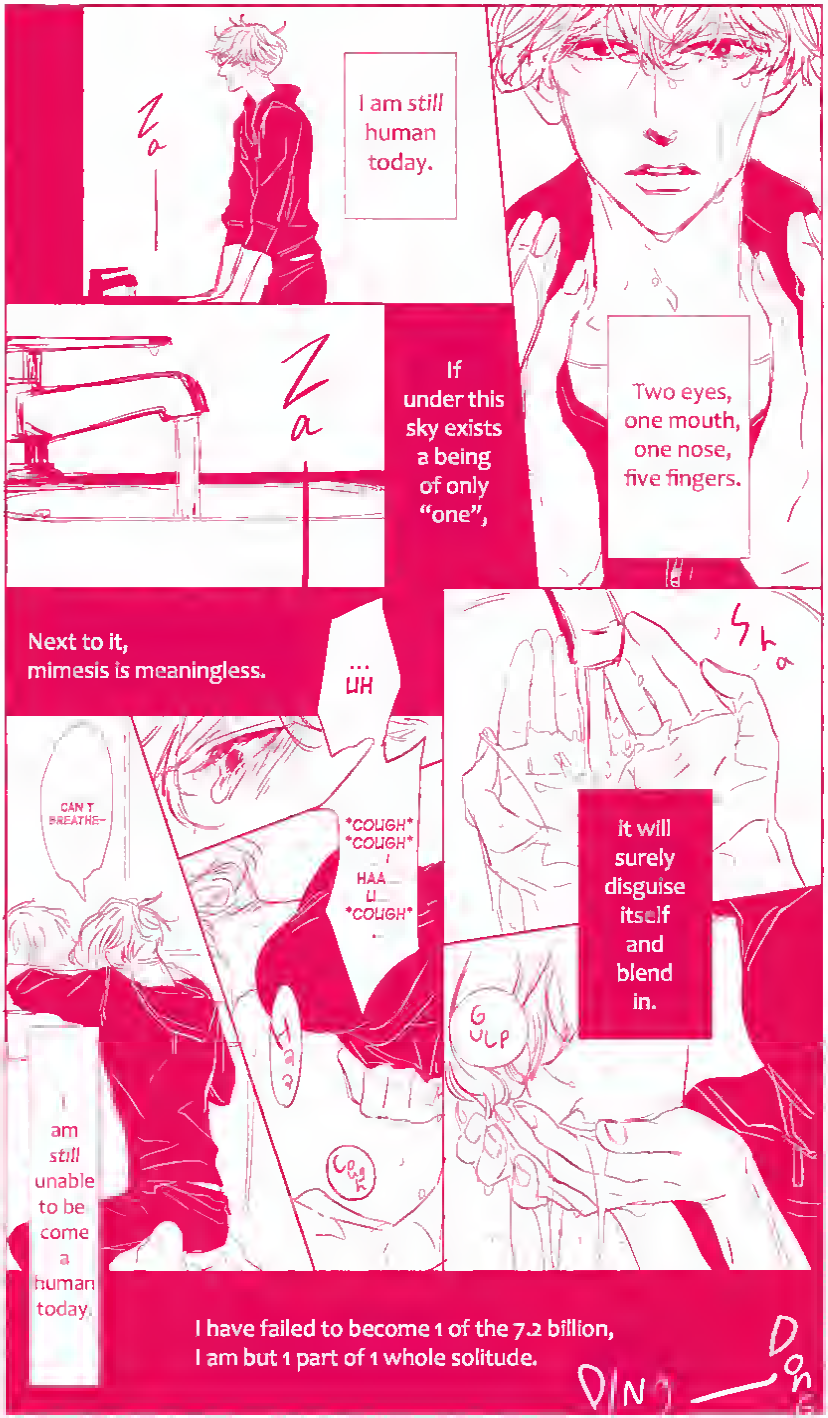
I am still human today.
Two eyes, one mouth, one nose, five fingers.
If under this sky exists a being of only "one",
Next to it, mimesis is meaningless.
... UH
CAN'T BREATHE-
*COUGH* *COUGH* HAA... U... *COUGH*
I am still unable to become a human today.
it will surely disguise itself and blend in.
GULP
I have failed to become 1 of the 7.2 billion,
I am but 1 part of 1 whole solitude.
DONE